

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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HUMAN SAMPLES  
TC/Art Unit 1642  
Examiner: Sean E. Aeder, Ph.D.  
  
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Customer No. : **21967**

**PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE/AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a five-months extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") on May 2, 2007 in the above-identified patent application ("the Application"). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required large entity fee, in the amount of \$ 2,230.00, or any other necessary fee, to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2478. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including November 2, 2007.

In response to the non-final Office Action of May 2, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below and consider Applicants' remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.